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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: M. NISHIDA et al (see attached)

For:  
REAGENT SETUP METHOD AND REAGENT  
SETUP PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 6 Sheets of Drawings
- ☐ This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.
- ☒ Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-026291  
filed February 2, 2001. ☒ A certified copy is attached herewith.
- ☐ Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and  
☐ discussed in the specification or ☐ attached Information Disclosure Statement.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☒ Specification: Abstract X, Description 13 pages; and 9 claim(s).
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Executed Declaration.

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